



One of the fastest growing sports in Canada is tackle football. As a result of this growth the game is constantly searching for interested individuals [men and women] who enjoy physical activity, teamwork, continual learning, and developing new friendships.

How do I become a football official?

Lets answer a few questions that you might have.

Q: How much time will I have to devote to officiating?

A: As much time as you can afford or want to. Some officials work over 100 games per year, but most average about 50 between mid August and late October.

Q: Do I get paid for my time?

A: Absolutely! The rate of pay will vary depending on the level of football. The head referee at a University game will make over \$110 per game. Pay rates for high school games are in the \$40 range and slightly less for younger levels of ball. If you travel out of town there are also gas subsidies to cover your costs and put a little extra in your pocket.

Q: Do I have to be an ex-player to be a good referee?

A: No. The only requirement is that you love the game and want to become the best official you can possibly be. The more time and effort the more success you will find and ultimately you may find yourself wearing the stripes in a CFL game!

Q: Is it difficult to remember all the rules?

A: It will take years to learn every rule in the book but the basics tend to come quickly and the Officials Association will constantly work with you to learn and understand the rules. You will not be put into a situation you aren't prepared for.

Q: How do I join?

A: Simple let us know your interested and someone from the Football Officials Association will contact you. The first step is to go to our website Be a Ref.ca